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open up the courtroom and let the public see what is going on behind the closed doors. I also say to you at this time, bear in mind, we do not pass legislation on this. This is not legislation. This doesn't say anything except to the judicial branch, who ultimately have to make the decision, say, look at this, we are in favor of opening up the courtrooms. That is all it says. If you want to keep the courtrooms closed, vote against this resolution. I thought it an important enough issue that we got debate on the floor and we talked about the issue and I probably realize more than anybody that you will be talking about it two or three years down the road and maybe four or five years down the road you are going to adopt it. Sometimes the things I bring in are about four or five years ahead of time. I understand that. So with that, I would say I hope that you would adopt this resolution.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The question is, and the Chair would like to comment that this resolution is not being handled as a bill. This is handled as a direct vote on a resolution so this is the final vote. This is the vote on the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It takes an affirmative vote of the elected members of the Legislature, 25 votes. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Bereuter, for what purpose do you, pardon? All right. Have you all voted? Record the vote. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: 13. Timing is so important, isn't it? I will let it go.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right. Record the vote.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 16 nays on the adoption of the resolution, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The motion fails. The resolution is not adopted. We will now go to the next item on the agenda. Do you have anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator George asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 407 in the Legislative Journal. Mr. President, new bill. Read title to LB 300A. Mr. President, that is all I have.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: We'll continue then with the next item on the agenda, item number nine, motions for 30 minutes only. Beginning, Mr. Clerk, with LB 457. A motion by Senator Barnett. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: With so many people gone I would like to just.... I would like to do one thing, if I could, and that is just ask unanimous consent to unbracket 457 and let it sit there and take it up tomorrow. Thirteen people are.... That is a horrible amount of people gone right now to take up this issue.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right. You just want to ask that it be unbracketed?

SENATOR BARNETT: That is all.

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